
MAKE CHURCH MATTER

Personal, Not Private

The Christian faith is certainly held in a *personal* way, but not in a *private* way. We see this from the beginning as Jesus calls twelve apostles to live and work together. Likewise, the life of the Church we read about in Acts was a *common* life.

All the believers were together and held everything in common....Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favour with all the people. [Acts 2:44,46-47]

Without Christ-centred friendships, our walk of faith will most certainly be a slower, less steady one, and we're far more likely to fall and fail. When we have friendships in which Christ is a central part, we connect with him in a way we will not on our own. In other words, we grow in faith *relationally*.

For I long to see you, that I may share with you some spiritual gift so that you may be strengthened, that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by one another's faith. [Romans 1:11-12]

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